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EDITORIALS

THE TOWN ELECTION

The Times-Virginian thinks that it is a wholesome sign when twelve citizens of the community as candidates for places on the Town Council of six. It shows a healthy interest in affairs of the town.

It is also fine to note the quality as well as the quantity of the aspiring candidates. They are, without exception, able citizens.

We can recall the days when it was rather difficult to secure the services of citizens to be on the Town Council. When vacancies arose, you had to plead with some qualified citizen to get his willingness to serve. There was no compensation other than knowledge of civic service. From time to time there were one or more "extra" candidates at the bi-annual election time. But now, behold, there are no less than twelve citizens willing and ready to serve.

The Times-Virginia will present no "slate" for your consideration, but we believe that the people of the community will choose forward minded, progressive councilmen who believe in the future growth of the community and who will see to it that maximum town services are rendered out of available revenues.

POLL TAX DEADLINE

One does not have to "take sides" in the primary election scheduled for August 2nd, to urge a citizens to qualify themselves to vote: Participation in elections is a responsibility going with citizenship. By and large, the people get what they themselves vote for. Government is seldom better or worse than the group will.

May 7th is the deadline for the payment of capitation to qualify to vote in the primary. Many attended to this in December when they paid their tax tickets. If you are not sure, check with the office of the county treasurer.

There are five candidates for Governor entered in the Democratic primary. Vital issues are at stake. You will want to vote. We hope that Appomattox County will have record number of qualified voters.

COLLINS FOR RE-ELECTION

Some weeks ago this newspaper cited the fine record of L. Preston Collins as Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, and urged him to be a candidate for re-election. He has now announced that he will be a candidate in the August 2nd Democrtic primary, and we herewith commend his candidacy.

The duties of the Lieutenant Governor in Virginia are not excessive, but L. Preston Collins has made a creditable record in the office and merits re-election. He is a splendid public servant, and can be depended on to discharge with efficiency any assignment given him. We hope that not only will he be re-elected but that ways will be found to make increased use of his abilities.

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WITH OTHER EDITORS

SCARED RUSSIANS

(Winchester Star)

Last fall American delegates to the United Nations were in a quandry. There was an election campaign, and control of the government seemed destined to change parties. Despite what is termed the bipartisan foreign policy, they were fearful of shifts that might embarrass them if they took strong stands. So they tried to mark time.

Russian delegates, reports the United Nations World, are in a similar position today. An extensive shakeup in personnel is under way back home, but they have not received any new instructions. They are trying to play safe, and so are delegates from satellite countries. They are far more to be pitied than were American delegates last fall. After all, Dewey might have reappointed Mrs. Roosevelt. And mistakes in the Soviet countries are so fatal. A government that sets insoluble problems for its subordinates, while brandishing the threat of a treason trial if they guess wrong, must be hard to work for.

Good executives in free countries, whether for government or for private business, know that this Gestapo attitude toward subordinates is not the best way to assure their loyalty or to get them to give their best.

This attitude in Moscow has already cost Russia the wholehearted support of Tito and endangered her hold on all her satellites except Rumania. It may at last prove to be a fatal weakness in Stalin's remime.

THE VANISHING ROCKER

(Philadelphia Evening Bulletin)

The rocking-chair may not actually have joined the dodo bird and [illegible] in the limbo of lost, forgotten wonders.

Still it is on its way out. A California observer reports the rocker is virtually unknown in Los Angeles.

There was one thing about a rocking-chair. The time of its greatest vogue was also t time of peace. Its easy motion induced tranquil second thoughts. A man in a rocking-chair was the direct opposite of the man on horseback. He had all the satisfactory illusion of going somewhere without ever leaving the parlor.

The way children treated this beneficent invention was something else again. By furious effort, they could make it hitch along, tearing the carpet seams or scoring the deck paint on the veranda. If a serious boy put his mind to it, it was always possible to capsize backward and with luck, escape a fractured skull.

This may be the clue to the fading of the rocker. It doesn't fit in with the modern, progressive idea that children should express themselves freely, no matter what happens to their bones or to the living room furniture.

Cricket fighting is a favorite sport in China.

Sausage is referred to in writings as old as Homer's Odyssey.

Elephants of Ceylon are generally tuskless.

Only the male nightingale sings.

Famine occurs in some portions of India every year.

The population of North America more than doubled between 1880 and 1940.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Mark 11:1-11, 15-18; Luke 19:29-48.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 11: 25-30.

Jesus Is King

Lesson for May 1, 1949

Dr. Foreman

IT IS A SIN to tell the truth out of season. So declares a famous Protestant creed. It is not always good nor wise to tell everybody everything you know. Keeping your mouth shut may be one of the best things you ever do. Jesus himself knew how to keep a secret till time to tell it. He never uttered an untruth about himself, but for a long time he did not openly declare his conviction, in spite of being pestered to say Yes or No about it.

The question was: Are you the Messiah? This was the same as asking, Are you the King? Jesus would not say Yes, because the mere word would be taken to mean "revolutionist" or traitor." But he would not say No, because he was a king; indeed of all men he had the best right to the title.

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Royal Entrance

BUT WHEN the time came, Jesus did declare himself king in a spectacular way. We know the story as the "Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem," the story of Palm Sunday, now so fresh in our minds. Jesus lived in a nation of people who were familiar with the meaning of symbols, both in word and action.

When Jesus rode into the ancient capital where his forefathers reigned, astride a mule colt, the people knew, and he knew they would know, that this was not just somebody riding a mule on a Sunday morning. In the history of the Hebrews, mules were the steeds of kings.

King Solomon was crowned riding on a mule. There was a famous prophecy (Zech. 9:9) that when Jerusalen's great king should come, he would be riding on just such a royal steed. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the people threw their palm branches and shouted their welcome, not to the teacher and prophet, but to the King.

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Tears in Triumph

IT WAS NOT altogether a victorious occasion. Jesus knew too well how cheap and easy "demonstrations" can be. In his mind's eye he could see a cross standing outside Jerusalem, and in his inner ear he could hear this same dusty-throated mob, now shouting "Hosanna!", yelling instead "Crucify him!" Tears stood in Jesus' eyes. But they were not tears for himself; he never wasted energy in self-pity. They were tears for that blind city, tears for its coming destruction -- the city that did not know the way to peace.

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Master of the Temple

BOLDER THAN JESUS' triumphal entry was what he did inside the city. It was one thing to claim royal rights over the nation; but at the temple Jesus' claims reached far higher. It should be remembered that in the eyes of all Jews at that time the Temple was absolutely sacred. It represented the dwelling-place of the invisible God. Now the priests at the time were more profiteers and politicians than priests. They carried on what today we call a "racket" in the sale of animals for sacrifice and in changing the ordinary money of all countries into the local Jewish shekel (in which coin alone could temple offerings be paid).

The racket was notorious; every decent Jew hated the priestly profiteers. But no one had ever done anything about it, for that would mean assuming on authority over the temple that no man dared to assume.

But Jesus took it on himself. His direct and even violent action in smashing the racketeering ring was a mark of something more than ordinary self-confidence. He laid claim to being no less than the Master of God's Temple. He was acting in the name of God and with the authority of God.

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Master of Man

WHEN THE CHRISTIAN church calls Jesus "Lord" and "King" today, we are making no claim for him which he did not make for himself. What we mean, by these titles is that Jesus Christ, for us and for all men, is the authority above all others.

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"AT THE MERCY"

(Pittsburgh Press)

The big atomic energy plant at Oak Ridge, Tenn., would use natural gas instead of coal for its steam, under a contract now being considered by the Federal Power Commission.

The coal industry and the United Mine Workers are opposing the contract. A spokesman for the John L. Lewis union contends that it would deprive miners of jobs. Secretary Haley of the National Coal Association asserts that it would place Oak Ridge "entirely at the mercy of a single natural-gas pipeline."

Well, not only Oak Ridge but other communities all over the country seem to want natural gas. They feel, apparently, that depending on a pipeline is safer than being "at the mercy" of Mr. Lewis and his single-handed coal supply.

TIMBER FOR FENCE POSTS

Timber to be used for fence posts should be cut, peeled and penned to dry by May 1, so it will be ready to treat with a preservative by September 1, farmers are reminded by J. W. O'Byrne, forester at V. P. I.

O'Byrne said a chemical called pentaachlorophenol is one of the most satisfactory preservatives for fence posts.

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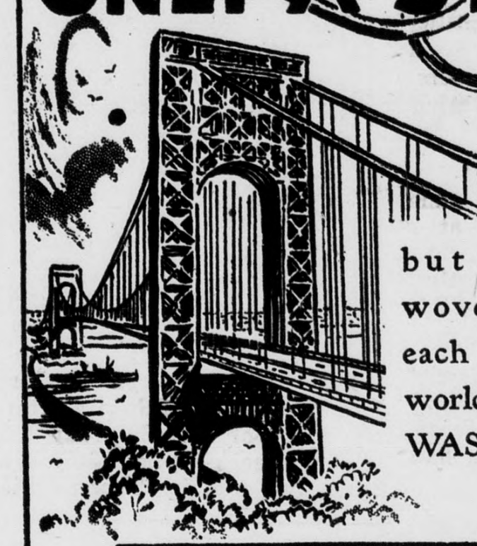

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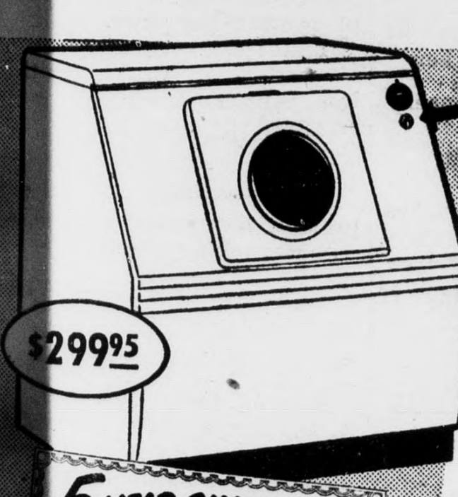

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Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stanley were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and sons, Charlie and Billy, and Miss Lindy Warriner spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Rev. G. A. Chocklette, W. E. Warriner, Miss Blannie Evans and Mrs. Lizzie Hodge are on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. G. W. Glover spent the week-end in Lynchburg. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Mary Sullivan, who is spending this week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Evans, of Charlotte Court House called to see Miss Blannie Evans Sunday.

Misses Bessie Ann Glover and Patricia Farrar spent a night recently with Miss Peggy Wilbun.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and family visited her parents Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Little Johnnie Farrar is sick at this writing.

Jennings Ferguson spent last week visiting his children in Washington and Richmond.

Mrs. Milton Hudson has returned home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds called to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, of Vera.

Bob Harvey is a patient at the hospital.

Mrs. Luke Ferguson, of Appomattox spent last week with Mrs. Jennings Ferguson.

Evergreen, April 26.- C. J. Paulette called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paulette and family, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter, Sandra Kay were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette.

The Rev. C. G Carter delivered a fine message to his congregation Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Ferguson, of Appomattox is visiting Mrs. Jennings Ferguson for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Farrar, of Roanoke are spending a few days at their home here.

Mrs. Emma Thomas and Mrs. Mabel Baker were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Chap Harvey, of Darlington Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wright and daughter, of Baltimore have been visiting in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Inge, Mrs. Farrar, and Mrs. Inez Hamilton, all of Roanoke were here the past week.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette Tuesday evening.

Richwood

Richwood, April 26.- Divine services will be held at Central Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell called on Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fleshman Sunday afternoon.

Carter Martin was in Lynchburg on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh, of Gladys were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

George Cawthorne visited with Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Powell visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Powell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh, Mrs. J. H. Fleshman and Miss Marvis Wooldridge visited with Mrs. Robert Wilbun Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman was the guest Saturday afternoon of Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh, of Gladys and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh called on Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harvey, and daughter, Joan were the guests on Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mann moved to Appomattox.

Mrs. Effie Stoneburner, of Washington, D. C. has moved into her new home here. Miss Edna Stoneburner, her daughter, who has been visiting with her for the past week returned to Washington Monday, taking [illegible] Wayne, with her for a short stay.

H. A. Garrett and family have moved on to the Wm. Mayberry place. On the same day Ernest Goin and family moved into the house on the old Plunkett place near "Pat" Coleman's.

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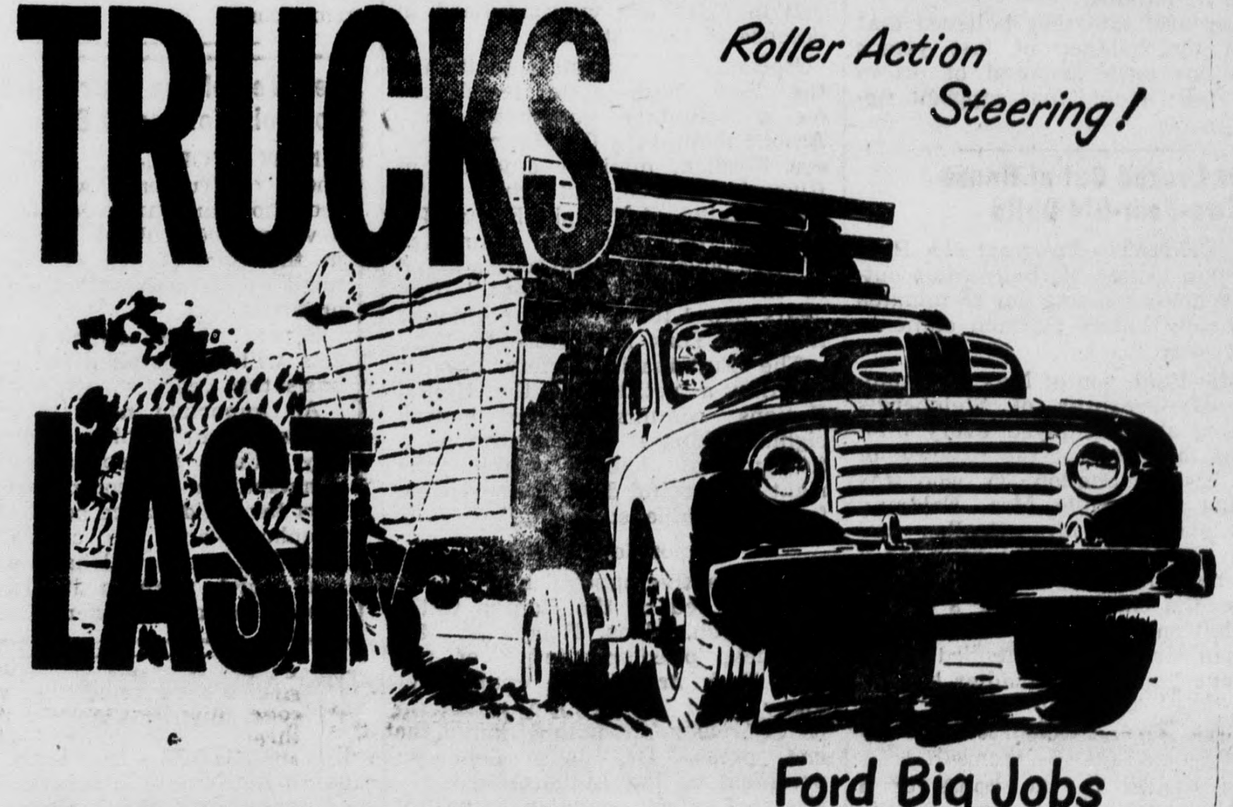

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